

# Chicopee Register

## Officials celebrate an educational opportunity

City to receive nearly \$35,000 in Student Opportunity Act funding

By Dalton Zbierski  
Staff Writer

The evening of Jan. 30 was a night to celebrate for members of the Chicopee Education Association. Parents, students, city officials and community members joined educators in the cafeteria of Chicopee High School to commemorate the passing of the Student Opportunity Act.

The Massachusetts House and Senate unanimously approved the bill on Nov. 20. Their long-awaited action refurbished the state's antiquated school funding system and committed an additional \$1.5 billion towards K-12 public education spending over the next seven years.

"It's a bill; that's why we're celebrating. It's not a thought or a hope anymore; it's a bill and it counts," said CEA President Laura Demakis. "We were hoping for \$14 million more over the seven-year period. It's now projected to be \$34 million. On top of that, once the seven years are over, the

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From left Jennifer Metsch, state Sen. Eric Lesser's director of constituent services, MTA Vice President Max Page, Mayor John Vieau, CEA President Laura Demakis and Michael Pise, Vieau's chief of staff, hold a check representing the \$34,547,469 that Chicopee Public Schools will receive from the state over the next seven years.

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### NUTRITION

## Project Bread calls for nutrition standards to be upheld

By Dalton Zbierski  
Staff Writer

Over the past decade, schools across America have increased the portions and varieties of fruits and vegetables found in meals that are made available to students during the school day.

From coast to coast, the concept of instilling healthy eating habits in youths is a priority. Nonetheless, that reality could soon be in jeopardy as national nutritional standards in public schools are in position to take a hit.

Recent changes proposed by the United States Department of Agriculture aim to lower nutritional standards for school breakfasts and lunches, requirements that were raised

by the Obama administration.

"What they're effectively saying is that students will be required to eat less red and orange vegetables. In their place, schools would be given the flexibility to serve more white starchy vegetables; that's where you get your French fries, tater tots and other potato products," said Leran Minc, manager of public policy and research for Project Bread.

Project Bread, a nonprofit organization dedicated to "preventing and ending hunger in Massachusetts," is strenuously campaigning against the proposed rule.

The group has conducted several studies claiming that the rule would negatively

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In addition to serving on the Board of Directors for Project Bread, Eric Rimm is a professor of epidemiology and nutrition and the director of the program in cardiovascular epidemiology at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Project Bread is campaigning against USDA proposals to roll back school nutrition guidelines implemented under the Obama administration.



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# Fuel service keeps Chicopee seniors warm

By Dalton Zbierski  
Staff Writer

Financial relief is available for seniors fighting to stay warm this winter. The Valley Opportunity Council's Fuel Assistance Program will pay or reimburse seniors for a large portion of their fuel expenditures.

"Fuel Assistance is also referred to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program; it's a government-funded program that helps income-eligible households pay a portion of their winter heating bills. The program runs from Nov. 1 to April 30," said Diane Gay, a RiverMills Center volunteer and retired executive assistant at Baystate Health.

While the Fuel Assistance Program is available to eligible individuals and families of all age ranges, the Council on Aging is working diligently to promote the resource, aiming to increase awareness amongst the town's senior population.

Gay urges all seniors to look into the invaluable service that is offered each winter. The program assists with costs pertaining to primary heat sources such as

oil, electricity, natural gas, propane, kerosene, wood and coal.

Valley Opportunity Council interview sites are accessible in Chicopee, Holyoke and Westfield. Eligibility for the service is determined based on the number of individuals that live in a household and the combined gross income of all adults in the household before taxes.

For an individual living alone, the annual income limit amounts to a yearly income of \$37,360. For a two-family household, the income peaks at \$48,855; for a three-person household, income is limited to \$60,351.

Four-person households can apply if the combined income of the occupants does not exceed \$71,846; individuals living in five-person households can apply if the collective income is under \$83,341. Rates continue as the fuel assistance aids households containing up to 10 inhabitants.

Gay has been affiliated with the program for the past three years. She's noticed that seniors can be hesitant to request the resource and encourages them to "take advantage" of the program.

"It is the type of thing where seniors can be hesitant because they feel as though it's a handout. When I meet with them, I like to make them feel comfortable, explain to them that they've worked hard all their lives and that this is a benefit. They really need to take advantage of this program," said Gay.

After scheduling an appointment, prospective applicants must provide a state or federally-issued photo ID, Social Security information for all household members and proof of U.S. citizenship, proof of income for all household members of the age of 18 and his or her most recent electric bill.

Homeowners must provide a current copy of their mortgage statement, homeowners insurance bill and real estate bill. Renters must bring the most current copy of their lease or rental agreement and rental subsidy information if applicable.

"We sit down, I make copies of all the documents and we fill out the application," said Gay. "I give them an envelope to mail to the Valley Opportunity Council and the VOC will determine if they are eligible by sending them a letter within six

to eight weeks regarding if they've been denied or approved."

Allotments are delivered directly to the fuel provider listed on his or her application. If one provides proof of fuel expenditures that were already made this winter, reimbursements will appear as credit towards future purchases.

Gay directed high praise towards all those involved in running fuel assistance programs at the state and federal level. She considers seniors blessed to be able to access the resource.

"They're very fortunate in the sense that fuels such as gas, oil and some kerosene keep rising in price. Seniors' incomes just can't keep up with the inflation," she said, proud also of the environment that the senior center fosters. "Whereas they probably wouldn't go to another [location], I feel that they're more comfortable when they come into the senior center because everyone here is so friendly and welcoming."

Gay can be contacted at (413) 534-3698, ext. 120. Her office is located in the RiverMills Center at 5 W. Main St.

# Baystate offers updates on mysterious coronavirus

SPRINGFIELD – The media has been full of reports regarding an outbreak caused by a new coronavirus first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, in China.

More than 250 people have died in China with more than 11,500 confirmed cases. The virus has been detected in Thailand, Japan, South Korea and the U.S. – with at least one positive case in Boston – prompting the World Health Organization to declare it a global emergency. The Trump administration issued an order Jan. 31 temporarily barring foreign nationals, other than immediate family of U.S. citizens and permanent residents, who have traveled to China in the last 14 days.

"It is still too early to know about the infectivity and virulence of this new coronavirus, as well as its transmission," Dr. Sarah Haessler, Baystate Medical Center epidemiologist, said. "But preliminary

indications are that the symptoms are less severe than patients who had SARS during that outbreak."

There are several types of coronavirus, including Middle East respiratory syndrome, or MERS, and severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report coronaviruses are large family of viruses, some causing illness in people and others that circulate in animals like camels, cats and bats. Some may evolve and infect people, as has happened with MERS and SARS.

When person-to-person infection occurred with MERS and SARS, it is believed to have happened via respiratory droplets produced when an infected individual coughed or sneezed, in a similar fashion to the spread of the flu. Spread of SARS and MERS is believed to generally

have occurred between close contacts.

At this time, experts do not know how easily or sustainably the new virus is spreading among people. What is known is that patients stricken with the virus in China had some link to a seafood and animal market in Wuhan, suggesting a possible animal-to-animal spread. Additional patients that weren't exposed to animal markets suggest the virus is spreading person-to-person.

The new virus, 2019-nCoV, begins with flu-like symptoms, making it difficult to distinguish from the flu. According to the CDC, symptoms can begin in as little as two days and as long as two weeks after exposure. Symptoms include fever, cough and shortness of breath. Some patients have developed life-threatening pneumonia.

Out of an abundance of caution, Bay-

state has begun screening patients arriving for care at its emergency departments for a history of travel from China in the prior two weeks.

"We are following guidance from the CDC and the Massachusetts Department of Health to test and appropriately isolate patients if they were to seek care at one of our facilities," Haessler said.

Haessler stressed folks should worry more about flu and its adverse effects to health, particularly the young and elderly, at this time. She suggests washing hands frequently with soap and water, using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, and covering the mouth with the elbow when sneezing or coughing as preventive measures. She also suggests staying home if sick with flu symptoms.

For more information, visit baystate-health.org.

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Young professionals gather at the Student Prince Restaurant in Springfield Jan. 28 where they learned proper etiquette, from conversation to utensil use. The event was hosted by the Polish National Credit Union, with the hopes of educating future business professionals to dine with clients and bosses.

# Young adults get a taste of etiquette at dinner program

By Dalton Zbierski  
Staff Writer

A group of courageous young adults ventured outside of their comfort zones and entered the world of proper etiquette Jan. 28, when the Polish National Credit Union hosted its Etiquette Dinner Party at the Student Prince in Springfield.

“[PNCU President and CEO James Kelly] came up with the idea to help get high school and college students, freshmen and sophomores, more comfortable with a formal dinner setting,” said Sarah Mailhott, PNCU marketing manager.

Students from institutions such as Chicopee Comprehensive High School, Westfield State University, Springfield College and Elms College stepped up to the challenge of participating. The party involved an overview on proper etiquette and a four-course meal.

“This dinner party is intended to give future leaders and young professionals the confidence to handle what can be a stressful situation,” said Kelly. “Many young professionals are required to attend lunch or dinner functions with executives and may not be aware of what glass or utensil to use. It’s certainly a predicament to be in, one that can be uncomfortable. We have numerous young people working at PNCU and it’s important to provide them with the tools they need to succeed.”

Participants were schooled on a variety of specific details pertaining to dining room behavior. Veronica Damon, faculty and divisional adviser at Holyoke Community College, led a training tutorial. The session covered everything from how and when to use napkins and utensils, to what manner of language is deemed suitable during a professional dinner.

“[Damon] did a 20-minute overview as to what to expect in terms of when to start eating; let your host choose the wine pairings for the dinner, where to place your napkin, it’s not polite to use your phone. It covered the basics, and the students took a lot away from it,” said Mailhott, who said she interviewed for her current position over dinner.

For students, the party doubled as a platform to network. A PNCU employee was positioned at each table to help facilitate conversation; both Kelly and Mailhott emphasized the importance of adding young talent to their operation.

Ahead of the party, event organizers were aware that many of the participants were walking into a situation that they might be unaccustomed to. Mailhott was taken aback by how well the students adapted.

“We didn’t want them to feel uncomfortable in any situation,” she said. “Most of them aren’t familiar with a formal setting like that, and they did a really good job. As the night went on, they got more comfortable with introducing themselves to new people.”

The next edition of the dinner etiquette dinner party will likely occur within the next six months. Organizers were encouraged and enthused by the buzz that the first initiative garnered.

“We got great feedback and will most likely have another one in the future. The space was a little bit limited so when I did send the initial press release out, we had a lot of inquires about students attending. We could only fit about eight per table so we will be doing another one; probably in the spring,” said Mailhott.

## Weight loss seminar offered Feb. 13

SPRINGFIELD – The next surgical weight loss seminar conducted by Pioneer Valley Surgical Associates will take place Thursday, Feb. 13 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Chestnut Conference Center, Room 5 of Baystate Medical Center, 759 Chestnut St., Springfield.

For some, diet and exercise are not

enough to maintain a healthy weight. Each month, Pioneer Valley Surgical Associates conducts the informational sessions to educate patients about various surgical and non-surgical weight loss solutions. For more information or to register, call 736-3163 or visit pvsurgical.com.

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## HCC expands Cooking series

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College is taking its “Cooking Confidently” series up a notch for the spring 2020 semester.

The program of three-hour cooking classes for home chefs will expand to three times a month beginning Friday, Feb. 7, when Chef Tracy Carter will present “Uptown Italian Comfort,” from 6 to 9 p.m., at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute, where she will demonstrate how to prepare pork chops scarpellio with creamy polenta and a lemon semolina cake.

The next session will be Chef Carter’s “Tapas Night” Friday, Feb. 21, followed by “Italian Classics: Back to Naples” Friday, Feb. 28, with Chef Dino Diaz.

Each single-session, hands-on “Cooking Confidently” class has a

unique culinary theme. Participants will learn how to prepare appetizers, salads, sauces, entrees and desserts, dine on their creations, and leave with leftovers and the knowledge and skills to replicate those recipes at home.

All the cooking and baking classes meet from 6 to 9 p.m. at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute, 164 Race St. The cost for each class is \$84, and space is limited.

Tracy Carter of Chicopee is a graduate of the International Culinary Schools at the Art Institute in Los Angeles, an HCC Culinary Arts program instructor and a freelance food stylist for the Food Network.

To register, visit [www.hcc.edu/bce](http://www.hcc.edu/bce) and search for “food” or call 413-552-2123.

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Chef Tracy Carter, of Chicopee, leads a cooking class at the Holyoke Community College MGM Culinary Arts Institute. For information, visit [hcc.edu](http://hcc.edu).

## Legoland ‘sneak peek’ at mall in Feb.

Legoland New York Resort, opening later this year, will bring its road show to Holyoke next month.

Costume characters, theme park rides and Lego building activities will be available for free from Friday, Feb. 14 through

Monday, Feb. 17, at the Holyoke Mall. All are welcome to participate. Lego Master Model Builders will be in attendance.

The road show is a sneak peek at the Legoland theme park and hotel set to open July 4 in Goshen, N.Y.

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Therapeutic Foot Massage

The Council on Aging offers Therapeutic Foot Massages on the fourth Monday of each month beginning starting at 9:30 a.m. at Chicopee Council on Aging’s RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St.

Licensed Massage Therapist Debee Boulanger of Abundant Wellness will be offering these foot massages. Choose from either CBD or an essential oil blend. The cost is \$40 for a 30 minute massage. Folks must register in advance at RiverMills. Upon registration, participants must fill out an intake form which allows Boulanger to maximize the effectiveness and safety of her services.

Veteran’s Video History Project

The Chicopee Council on Aging is participating in the Veteran’s Video History Project, which is part of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. There are currently five interviews left to complete. Veterans who would like to know more about this project or would like to participate and share their military experiences are encouraged to contact Program Coordinator Casey Conroy at 534-3698 ext. 118

Yoga

The Council on Aging offers three yoga classes during the week. Chair Yoga is offered every Wednesday beginning at 2 p.m. and is led by Deborah Beiermeister. Monday Morning Yoga is offered every Monday starting at 11 a.m. and is led by Caitlin Lavin. Thursday Afternoon Yoga is offered every Thursday at 3 p.m.

milling about at RIVERMILLS

and is led by Deborah Beiermeister. All yoga classes cost \$3 and RiverMills Center, located at 5 West Main St.

Buried in Treasure

The Council on Aging will host the “Buried in Treasures” support group on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St. This is a support group about the compulsive acquiring, saving and hoarding of objects, and people having trouble managing their possessions. To register or for more information, call 534-3698.

Facials

The Council on Aging now offers facials by licensed esthetician Diane Neill the second Wednesday of the month starting at 8:30 a.m. Neill will offer facials on the first and second Wednesday of the month at RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St. Facials start at \$30. Registration is required by calling 534-3698 or by stopping by RiverMills.

Massage Therapy

The Council on Aging now offers chair massages every Thursday and every other Friday at RiverMills Center. Chair massages are given by licensed massage therapist Michelle Zemba of Abundant Wellness. Sessions are designed to relieve stress and pain. Cost is \$15 for a 15-min-

ute session. Registration is required by calling 534-3698 or stopping by RiverMills Center.

Cancer Support Group

A cancer support group is being offered on the third Tuesday of the month at noon, at RiverMills Center. This group is facilitated by RiverMills wellness nurses Helen Biglin and Dianne Copeland. This group focuses on all stages of cancer diagnosis and treatment, along with family and friends that may be impacted.

Meditation Class

The Council on Aging will offer a meditation class on Mondays from 12:45-1:45 p.m. at RiverMills Center. Certified meditation instructor Deborah Beiermeister will lead the class, which will help participants ease stress and learn to relax. Each session will start with gentle yoga stretches, followed by relaxing breathing techniques and a gentle neck/shoulder massage. The cost is \$3.

Memorial Drive Shopping Trips

The Council on Aging’s Transportation Department continues to offer shopping trips to stores in Chicopee, to seniors 60 or older.

Van service to shopping and grocery stores on Memorial Drive are offered Tuesdays and Thursdays making stops at Big Y and Stop & Shop, Price Rite and Job Lot, Walmart and Chicopee Plaza. There is a \$2 suggested donation. For a reservation, call 536-5733.

Additionally, the Transportation Department provides rides for medical, dental, legal, hairdresser, pharmacy, and banking appointments Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., for Chicopee’s older adults.

Volunteer Drivers Needed

The Council on Aging is looking for licensed drivers willing to volunteer a few hours a week and provide rides to Chicopee’s older adults. The city of Chicopee provides and maintains the vehicles that the drivers will be using. The volunteers provide rides for any Chicopee resident 55 years old or older. This service is for medical, dental, legal and hairdresser appointments, pharmacy pick-ups, banking and shopping, available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Interested volunteer drivers should contact the Council on Aging Transportation Department at 413-536-5733.

Cardio Mix Class

The Council on Aging will now be offering “Cardio Mix” class on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. Cost for the class is \$3.

Painting Class

The Council on Aging is offering an additional painting class on Thursdays from 1-3:30 p.m. at RiverMills. Christiane Eckert will lead the class and teach several mediums, including acrylic, pastel, oil and watercolor. She has been painting since 1992. Participants are asked to bring their own materials. A \$1 donation will be accepted at the door. RiverMills already offers a drawing and painting class every Tuesday at 1 p.m., which is taught by Maureen McDonald.

Fit for Life

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. This class is an energetic class featuring an aerobic workout, along with strength, balance and flexibility elements. Suggested donation, \$2. For more information, call 534-3698.

Zumbasize Class

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Exercise Studio 117 (street level). This class is for active older adults who are looking for a modified class that recreates the original moves you love at a lower intensity. Suggested donation, \$3. For more information, call 534-3698.

Dancercize Class

Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. Dancercize is ballet, jazz, balance & stretch put together in a class that gives us the strength and enjoyment for the body and mind. Ballet and jazz moves help tone our muscles, increase flexibility and free tension and stress. The class is taught by Diane Shields, who has been dancing herself for over 58 years and teaching for over 45 years. Apparel should be light and comfortable. Shoes should be a ballet or jazz shoe or a flexible type of tennis sneaker. Donation, \$5.

Sudoku & More Club

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. No matter what your age, everyone would like to keep his or her brain sharp. Research shows that games and puzzles work to hinder dementia, strengthen critical thinking skills and promote overall brain health. For more information or to sign-up, please call 534-3698.

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16. Tech pros  
17. Wile E. Coyote is familiar with it  
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21. A way to hunt  
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23. Automobile  
24. Secondary school (abbr.)  
25. Indicates before  
28. Male parent  
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36. David \_\_, US playwright  
38. Slang for cigarette  
39. Vaccine developer  
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44. Toni Morrison novel  
45. Period between eclipses  
46. Veterans battleground  
48. Gang  
49. A radio band  
51. Jaws of a voracious animal  
52. Elaborate garments  
54. Chinese province  
56. Checks  
60. Horizontal passage  
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62. Fertility god  
63. Dried-up  
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11. Stretch out to grasp  
12. Alcohols that are unfit for drinking  
14. Humorous stories  
17. Long song for a solo  
20. Barrels per day (abbr.)  
21. City of Lights  
23. A place to sleep  
25. Advanced degree (abbr.)  
26. The back  
27. Furniture-makers

Charles and "Ray"  
29. Songs to a lover  
30. Gland secretion  
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34. Disfigure  
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37. Sacred book of Judaism  
40. Catch  
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Elms College art exhibit features work of Springfield couple

The Borgia Gallery at Elms College features the work of married Springfield painters Andrae and Priya Nadkari Green in a month-long exhibition.

Titled “Ambidextrous,” the exhibit is open for viewing now through March 2 during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, except college holidays and closures. The gallery is located on the second floor of the Dooley College Center on the campus, 291 Springfield St.

The exhibit celebrates the spirit of competition, collaboration and partnership. Each time the show travels, the work changes, and it is a chance to see their work in conversation with each other – observing similarities, differences and the effect of the two bodies in harmony.

“After working on their individual

practices over the past decade or more, Andrae and Priya are now showing their work together for the first time,” Gallery Curator Cecily Hughes said. “The exhibition began at two locations in Springfield last year and continues to various locations in the region, including Elms College.”

The artists have been married for the better part of the last decade and while they work separately in their respective styles, they find inspiration in similar experiences and concepts. The couple recently began working together through public art projects, teaching together, as well as challenging each other to “paint battles” where they both paint at the same time in their own styles.





AT THE REC

Fun in February

The Chicopee Parks and Recreation Department is now taking signups for its annual “Fun in February” vacation program for children ages 5 (must be in kindergarten) to 13. The program, held at Dupont Middle School, runs from Tuesday, Feb. 18 through Thursday, Feb. 20 and provides gym time, arts and crafts and a field trip each day. Field trips include Rave Cinemas, Round One, and Interskate 91 South. Program time is from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Parents may register their children for one day, two, or all three days and cost ranges from \$35 to \$55 daily based on the field trip as well as classification of residency and non-residency. Pre-registration at the Parks Department, 687 Front St., is mandatory, no phone registrations, and this is a first come-first paid program that has a maximum number of openings for enrollment. For more information, contact Dan at the Parks Department at 594-3481 ext. 105 or via email at dwoodill@chicopeema.gov.

Tang Soo Do Korean Martial Arts

The Chicopee Parks and Recreation Department is offering classes in Tang Soo Do, a Korean martial art. Learn with instructor, Master Jeffrey Bulissa, a fourth degree black belt in Tang Soo Do, and learn about self-defense, confidence and physical fitness. Classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesday evenings. The following classes are being offered Little Dragons (ages 5 to 6): 6 to 6:30 p.m., Gups Beginners (ages 7 and up): 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Gups (Advanced) (ages 7 and up): 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Each Session will consist of eight classes and runs through Jan. 29. Cost is \$40/Little Dragons \$50/Gups Beginner and Advanced. Registration and all classes are held at the Chicopee Parks Department, 687 Front St.

Learn to Swim

The Parks and Recreation Department is offering swim lessons for children now through Feb. 8 at the Chicopee Comprehensive High School pool. Level

two and three are being offered. Children must be a minimum of 5-years-old to participate and must pass the previous level. Level two classes start at 10 a.m. and level three classes start at 11 a.m.

The cost for the lessons is \$50 for residents and \$60 for non-residents. Registration is mandatory and must be done in person at the Chicopee Parks and Recreation office at 687 Front St.

Open Swim Program

The Parks Department will hold an Open Swim at the Chicopee High School Pool on Sundays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. now through March 8 at a cost of \$3 per person. The program is open to residents only and positive identification is required at the door. All children 18-years-of-age and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Children who have not been toilet trained must have swim diapers. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 594-3481.

Art-ventures for Kids

Children, grades K -5, are invited to explore February Vacation Art Fun with Art Ventures for Kids. The four-day program runs Feb. 18 to 21, with unique themes for each class: Alien Art-vasion, Backyard Fun with Squirrels & Snakes, Clowning Around: Silly Circus Art-ventures and Fluffy Snowmen and Artsy Icicles. Families may sign up for one or all four. The classes will be held at the Parks and Recreation office from 9 a.m. to noon on program days. The fee per day is \$34 for residents and \$37 for non-residents. Register online at [www.ARTventuresforkids.com](http://www.ARTventuresforkids.com) or at the Chicopee Parks Office 687 Front St.

Boston Red Sox vs. Chicago Cubs

The Chicopee Parks and Recreation, in collaboration with The Travel Group, would like to announce a four day getaway trip (June 18-21, 2020) to see the Boston Red Sox take on the Chicago Cubs for two games at Wrigley Field.

The trip includes: roundtrip air from Hartford to Chicago, Illinois, three nights at the Hampton Inn that includes breakfast, reserved tickets for two baseball games, a guided bus tour of Chicago and Navy Pier, and hotel room taxes.

Cost for the trip is \$1,299 (each) for a double, \$1,249 for a triple, and \$1,499 for single occupancy. A \$300 deposit is due at sign up, with full payment due by April 15, 2020.

To sign up, visit the Chicopee Parks Department, 687 Front St. For more information, call 594-3481.

ON THE SHELF



at the CHICOPEE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The following is the program list for the Chicopee Public Library, 449 Front St. For more information or to register for programs, call 594-1800, ext. 4.

FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Alphabet Story Time

Tuesday, Feb. 11 – 10:30 a.m.

During the year-long preschool story time project, participants participate in one story time for each letter of the alphabet. Geared for children ages 3- to 5-years-old, children will focus on learning letters and developing kindergarten readiness skills.

Fun with Food

Thursday, Feb. 13 – 3:30 p.m.

Fun with Food by ChicopeeFRESH returns Thursday, Feb. 13 at 3:30 p.m. for the fourth annual Valentine’s Celebration. Through the monthly workshop presented by ChicopeeFRESH, the local farm-to-school organization, participants will make no-bake granola bars and Valentine’s cards with beet paint and potato stamps. All ages are welcome.

HCC offering children’s safety program

HOLYOKE — Holyoke Community College is running a two-day program next month designed to teach children how to protect themselves from violence and harm in their daily lives.

The two-session program, called “radKIDS,” is for children 6 to 12 years old and will run over two consecutive Saturdays, Feb. 15 and Feb. 22, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at HCC’s Bartley Center for Athletics and Recreation.

The sessions will be led by Kellie Cournoyer-Cronk and Maggie Brown, two area law enforcement veterans and trainers certified by the radKIDS national non-

profit network.

According to its website, radKIDS is a “fun, activity-based program,” whose curriculum includes home, school and vehicle safety; bullying prevention; abduction defense; and personal space/personal touch safety with a goal of “replacing fear with knowledge, skills and power, by enhancing a child’s critical thinking abilities and physical resistance skills.”

The \$75 program fee includes snacks, water and a T-shirt.

To register, please go to [hcc.edu/bce](http://hcc.edu/bce) and search for “radKIDS” or call HCC Community Services at 413-552-2123.

Senate advances climate policy legislation

BOSTON – With hopes of tackling contributing factors of climate change, the state Senate overwhelmingly advanced a climate policy package Jan. 30 with bipartisan support.

The legislation – “An act setting next generation climate policy,” “an act to accelerate the transition of cars, trucks and buses to carbon free power,” and “an act relative to energy savings and efficiency” – would chart among the most aggressive courses of action against climate change and pave a path for a clean energy future, proponents argue.

“This legislation sets an ambitious target and

allows for the ingenuity of our people, our businesses and our communities to step up and offer solutions, whether it is in our homes, in our manufacturing, in our visions for transportation or solar and wind energy,” state Sen. Eric Lesser (D-Longmeadow) said. “Now is the time that we can begin to get excited about tackling this challenge as a commonwealth to lead and drive the economy. Springfield has one of the highest asthma rates in the country. We need resources to fight that. We need cleaner emissions and a cleaner environment to help improve the health of our young people.”


Among the provisions

of the package include setting a 2050 target for “net-zero” greenhouse gas emissions, with near-term limits in 2025 and every five years thereafter; establishing a Climate Policy Commission charged with offering a non-partisan, science-based view of climate change and overseeing the state’s handling of the issue; letting municipalities adopt a “net-zero” stretch energy code, shifting responsibility from the Board of Building Regulations and Standards to the Department of Energy Resources; directing the

Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority to aim for a zero-emission fleet by 2040; and setting appliance standards for household and commercial appliances.

During debate on the Senate floor, the package was strengthened through amendments that among other provisions, requires regional equity in carbon pricing and ensures equity is a component of the Department of Public Utilities mission statement. The bills now advance to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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Small businesses are the cornerstone of any community, creating jobs, spurring growth in our local economy, and giving back to society. In our community, many hold fundraisers and benefits, showing they really are invested in our towns.

In recent years, small businesses have been overshadowed by the holiday hype of “Black Friday” and “Cyber Monday,” which tend to emphasize major big box and online retailers. But our hometown businesses have just as much to offer holiday shoppers. To help spark spending at these important community institutions around the holidays, there has been a nationwide initiative, known as “Small Business Saturday,” which has also helped to raise awareness to the small and independent businesses among us.

These small businesses, however, need our help to thrive all year long, not simply for holiday gift giving.

In Chicopee, our small businesses make

us the unique community that we are; being owned by our family members, neighbors and friends. Turley Publications itself, which owns the Chicopee Register, is a small business that’s been family owned for more than 50 years.

Shopping small and local is the perfect way to take a break from the crowded shopping centers and instead check out the small stores and businesses in our neighborhood. Shoppers will find unique gifts, delicious foods and more to make your day distinctive, fresh and fun. You might even discover your new favorite store or your new best friend, right in your own backyard.

According to the Small Business Administration, there are 28.8 million small businesses in the country, accounting for 99.7 percent of all businesses in the United States. Small businesses were also credited for 64 percent of new jobs created in the country between 1993 and 2011.

In 2016, 112 million people went out and

shopped small on Small Business Saturday alone, a 13 percent increase from 2015. It was reported that 81 percent of those who shopped also encouraged their friends and family to the same.

Spending on the “holiday” reached \$15.4 billion.

With your help, our local businesses will thrive all year long. Get involved by helping to encourage your friends and family to “Shop Small.” With Valentine’s Day around the corner, consider the local florist for your bouquets and the local bakery for your sweets, before visiting an online retailer. It’s just as easy to search for a store nearby as it is to order via a website.

After all, these small businesses support your PTO fundraiser, the Boy and Girl Scouts and your hometown newspaper. And they often give without hesitation. In this season of love and affection, let’s show our small businesses how much we care by supporting them.

## CLIMATE WOES

By Bill Paul  
Chicopee

Rising climate temps and lesser winters forming ice;  
None of this disquiets me, I find it rather nice.  
Grocery stores need plenty, so you farmers find a way;  
Keep the veggie coming on this sweltering summer’s day.

Children of all ages you need to find a way;  
The planet and the good years will vanish soon some day.  
A breath of choking air is just a funny way of life;  
Mask and filtered faces are sure to be suffice.

“Triple E” is not for me and it shouldn’t be for you;  
Spraying trees kill bumble bees all the whole day through.  
So stay inside and swallow your pride if you know what’s good for you;  
Cause “Triple E” is not for me and it shouldn’t be for you.

Oh alarmists, don’t alarm us with your stunning climate woes;  
Melting Greenland ice and mammoth’s skin and thawing bones.  
Gray skies and black skies, red and purple tones;  
None of this concerns me in my air-conditioned home.

Climate change is detrimental to our survival!

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As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue’s relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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## GUEST COLUMN

Joan E. B. Coombs



# Remembering 4 heroic military chaplains

During World War II, just 100 miles from an American base in Greenland, at 12:55 a.m. on the frigid night of Feb. 3, 1943, an unexpected explosion far below the water line shattered the starboard side of The Dorchester, a United States Army transport vessel. While reeling from a torpedo hit, only six steam-blast foghorn warnings could be sounded to over 900 servicemen, merchant seamen, and civilian workers on board — as well as hoping that the three escort ships also heard the warnings.

On Feb. 2, 1943, Three Coast Guard Cutters, the Comanche, Escanaba, and the Tampa, were escorting The Dorchester, a SG-19, from Newfoundland to Greenland in a 5,649 ton vessel through the icy waters of the North Atlantic Sea. Earlier that day, the Tampa CGC, with sonar,

had detected a submarine

Hans J. Danielsen, the ship’s captain, knew that German U-boats had attacked other ships and ordered the men to sleep in their clothing and keep life jackets on. But, because of the engine’s heat and the rough-fitting life jackets, many soldiers disregarded the order.

“Abandon ship!” ordered Captain Danielsen. Power outage. Radio contact gone. Within 20 minutes, icy waters would swallow the ship.

The German U-233 blast killed scores of men and seriously wounded countless more. Others groped in the dark traumatized. When men got topside, blasts of ice-cold Arctic air brought shivering reality. Lifeboats became overcrowded. Some capsized. Some survived.

However, the Coast Guard Cutter Comanche saw the explosion’s flash; it “re-

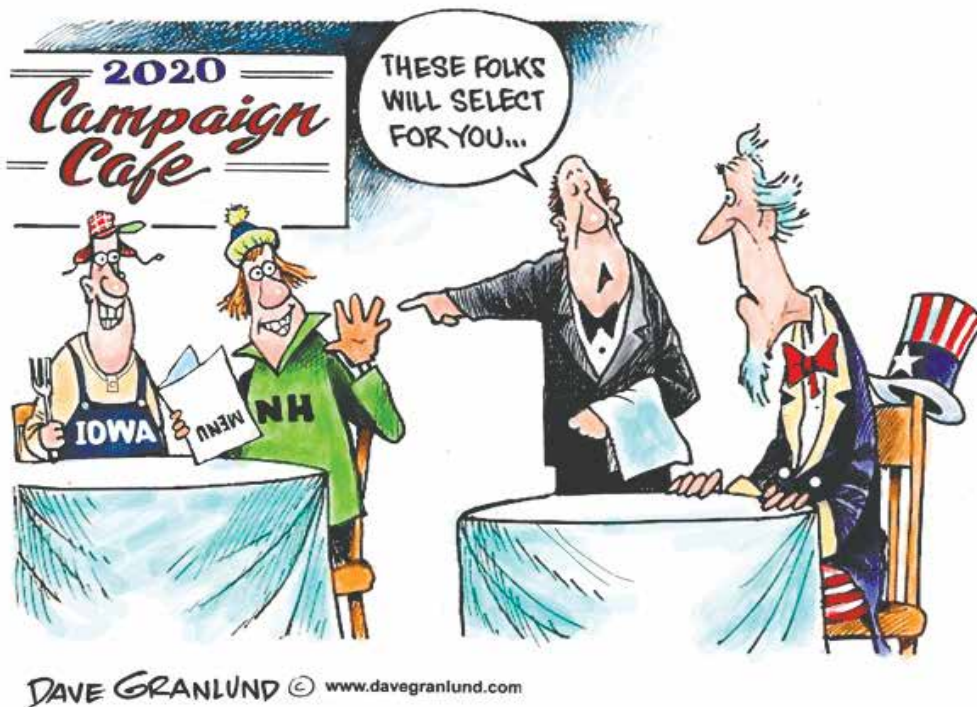
sponded and then rescued 97 survivors. The CGC Escanaba circled the Dorchester, rescuing an additional 132 survivors.” (Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation.)

“Throughout the chaos four Army Chaplains brought hope in despair and light in darkness,” survivors said. While spreading out among the soldiers, they tried to “calm the frightened, tend the wounded and guide the disoriented toward safety.”

Those Chaplains were: Lt. George L. Fox, Methodist; Lt. Alexander D. Goode, Jewish; Lt. Clark V. Poling, Dutch Reformed, and Lt. John P. Washington, Roman Catholic.

The son of Rev. Fox, Wyatt R. Fox, says, “Witnesses of that terrible night remember hearing the four men offer prayers for the dying and

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## WE CARE ABOUT YOUR NEWS!

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, FEB. 14

FREE MOVIE NIGHT. Trinity Episcopal Church, 27 Streiber Drive, invites the community to enjoy free movie night Friday, Feb. 14 at 6 p.m. Folks are invited to watch “Thank You For Your Service” while enjoying free popcorn, candy and soft drinks. For more information, call the office at 413-533-7872.

VALENTINE’S CELEBRATION. St. Anthony of Padua Parish Social Center, 56 St. Anthony St., will hold a Valentine’s Celebration Friday, Feb. 14 at 6 p.m. The celebration includes a four course meal, wines from around the world, raffles and surprises. Tickets cost \$25 per couple and are available online or at the Parish office. For more information, visit stanthonychicopee.com.

SATURDAY, FEB. 15

MATTRESS SALE. All are invited to the gymnasium of Chicopee Comprehensive High School, 617 Montgomery St., during the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15 for a mattress sale fundraiser. Mattresses from name brands will be available for purchase in all sizes, priced as much as 30 to 50 percent off suggested retail prices. All proceeds support the school’s band and drama programs.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19

HISTORICAL SOCIETY. The Chicopee Historical Society will hold its next meeting Wednesday, Feb. 19 in the Community Room of the Chicopee Public Library, 449 Front St., at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker for the evening is Janina Surdyka, registrar of voters. As the nation is set to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution – which gave women the right to vote – Surdyka will discuss the roles of her office, as well as the history of voter registration in Chicopee.

ONGOING

AMERICAN BOSCH SENIOR TRAVEL CLUB meets every third Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the American Legion Post 452, 37 Exchange St. All are welcome.

AMVETS12 offers dinners twice a month at the AMVETS Post 12, 754 Montgomery St. The second Thursday of each month features a prime rib dinner served from 4 to 6 p.m. Tickets, at a cost of \$13, are required. The third Thursday of the month is a spaghetti dinner from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Tickets are not required, but cost is \$5. Post membership is not required. For more information, call the post at 413-588-8060. No spaghetti dinners will be served in August.

BUILDING BRIDGES VETERANS INITIATIVE offers a free weekly luncheon for veterans at the Chicopee Lodge of Elks, 431 Granby Road, from noon to 1:30 p.m. All veterans are welcome.

CHICOPEE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES is compiling a list of Purple Heart recipients connected to the city of Chicopee. Those who have received the medal or who know someone who has are encouraged to contact the Department of Veterans Services at 413-594-3470.

CHICOPEE FALLS WOMAN’S CLUB meets every third Thursday of the month (except June, July and August) at 11 a.m. at American Legion Post 452, 37 Exchange St. Come join us with our charity endeavors.

CHICOPEE VILLAGE offers drop-in story times each Friday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the facility located at 68 Eastern Drive. Each week features an activity and free snacks for children ages 5 and under. For more information, call Maritza at 413-536-0363 ext. 5643.

HOLYOKE-CHICOPEE FAMILY & COMMUNITY PROGRAM invites folks to a free parent social every Thursday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the WIC office, 35 Mt. Carmel Ave. in Chicopee.

The “Baby and Me” program is suitable for those with children ages newborn to 2-years-old, with opportunities for reading, learning and play time. Ages and stages questionnaires and child development information

will be available to parents weekly. For more information or to register, call Maritza at 413-536-0363 ext. 5643.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 27 Streiber Drive. Sunday service at 9 a.m. with Holy Communion followed by coffee hour and socializing. All are welcome.

ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL, 587 Grattan St., invites interested families to visit the school during Tuesday Tours. Visitors may tour the school from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. No appointment is necessary. SJA School welcomes students in pre-kindergarten (3-4 year olds) to grade 8. Those in need of a different day may call 533-1475 to schedule a tour.

HOLYOKE CHICOPEE COORDINATED FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT holds a free drop-in playgroup, Learning Through Play for children birth to age 5 and a caregiver on Mondays from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Chicopee Parks and Recreation Building, 687 Front St. Each week offers learning activities, songs, rhymes and stories. For more information, call CFCE at 413-536-0363.

CHICOPEE LINDY AND BLUES TUESDAYS 7-10 p.m. Weekly swing and blues dance. Beginner lesson at 7 p.m. Social dancing 8-10 p.m. Held in the community hall (back entrance) of Christ’s Community Church, 103 Springfield St. More information at www.meetup.com/Chicopee-Lindy-and-Blues.

THE GREATER CHICOPEE AREA COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND is seeking members. There are no auditions to join the band, but prospective members should be able to read music and own a concert band instrument (flute, clarinet, etc.). There are no fees to join. The band meets Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Chicopee Comprehensive High School band room. Please visit our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ChicopeeAreaBand) to learn more.

SHARE YOUR SIGHT. Volunteer to read, shop or walk with a blind or vision impaired person in your community. Call the Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired at 1-888-613-2777 for details.

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encouragement for those who would live.”

Survivor, Pvt. William B. Bednar, while floating in debris “could hear men crying, praying ... And could also hear the chaplains preaching courage. Their voices were the only thing that kept me going.” Another sailor, Petty Officer John J. Mahoney tried to get his gloves. Rabbi Goode stopped him saying, “Never mind ... I have two pairs,” and then he gave Mahoney his gloves. (www.fourchaplains.org)

As life jackets were being distributed, Engineer Grady Clark saw a courageous and compassionate sight. When no life jackets were left, the four chaplains took off theirs and gave them to others.

One of the survivors, John Ladd, who witnessed the chaplains’ sacrificial acts, said, “It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven.”

Only months before their fateful trip, the four chaplains had reunited at Camp Myles Standish in Taunton, Massachusetts.

Reportedly as the ship slipped beneath the sea, survivors from the safety of nearby rafts “saw the four chaplains with arms linked and braced against the slanting deck. Their voices could be heard offering prayers.”

Sacrificial brotherhood. Courage. Commitment. Compassion in action. As we remember the heroic examples of those four chaplains, may we exemplify their actions.

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impact two out of every five of the 400,000 public school students in the state who rely on school meals for half of their daily nutrition.

“It’s so upsetting because we’ve spent decades working up to this place where we really think that we really have good guidelines for how school lunches should be prepared, and to their credit, many school food directors have stepped up and figured out how to do it,” said Project Bread board member Eric Rimm.

Rimm is as a professor of epidemiology and nutrition and the director of the program in cardiovascular epidemiology at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. He is also a professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School.

For the past four years, Rimm has been affiliated with Project Bread, conducting research that examines the relationship between nutrition and health in children and teens. Rimm considers the USDA to be “backpedaling,” noting that students have begun to eat healthier over the past several years.

Unfortunately, nutritious food items come at an expensive price, one that the USDA is resistant to pay. Rimm, an

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– Eric Rimm, professor of epidemiology and nutrition, Harvard T.H. School of Public Health

award-winning nutritional expert, considers a continued investment in nutritional foods to be worth the economic costs and views the scenario as a “societal issue.”

Rimm warned of the indisputable consequences that stem from developing unhealthy eating habits during childhood and adolescence and fears what lies ahead.

“We’re kind of going back to what we were doing last century,” he said. “I think that those types of meals are really what contributed to some of the obesity problems and asthma problems that we see in really young kids.”

Rimm acknowledged that it can be difficult for individuals living at or slightly above the poverty line to purchase nutritional food; unhealthy food is quite simply cheaper. He identified the reality as offering all the more incentive for schools to offer students a strong variety of nutritional choices.

Minc explained that the USDA is “following a

choose and consume the healthier meal options.”

Project Bread also claims that children who are hungry or lack proper nutrition are more likely to struggle academically. Minc urges residents to promote healthy eating habits in their children.

“Replacing red and orange vegetables with french fries is certainly not an ideal balance of nutrients for students in the classroom who are trying to pay attention and do well in school,” said Minc. “It’s so important that we have this balance and variety of healthy meals because this sets up children for success not just on that school day or during that school year, it also sets them up for the rest of their lives.”

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number will increase with inflation.”

With a surplus of pizza, cake and soda readily available, several dozen attendees arrived last Thursday to partake in the festivities. Mayor John Vieau credited local contributors for going the extra mile to help spark a statewide process.

“It is a great pleasure to celebrate with Chicopee teachers, elected officials, administrators and parents that not only advocated for but lead the way in pursuit of the Student Opportunity Act,” he said. “This community should feel proud of their accomplishments in providing the

needed funds for innovative educational programs in our schools.”

Max Page, vice president of the Massachusetts Teachers Association, traveled to the city to revel in the moment. He complimented the determination and perseverance of all those who participated in the movement that led to the bill’s passing.

“Chicopee was absolutely central to this,” said Page. “This was the first place that went to the School Committee to get an endorsement of the Promise Act and it’s the community that brought hundreds of members’ signatures to the State House. It’s the place we said, ‘This has to happen this year.’”

Comp senior Ava Baron volunteered to speak during the event. While Baron’s own education will not be impacted by the bill’s passing, it still holds personal significance for the future political science major.

“I think that it’s a really good cause, and it’s something that is really worth celebrating. I do have a younger brother who’s in fourth grade, so knowing that this will benefit him is very gratifying to know,” said Baron.

The state’s Foundation Budget, used to determine the distribution of school funding, had not been modified in over 25 years. Since 2018, the CEA has par-

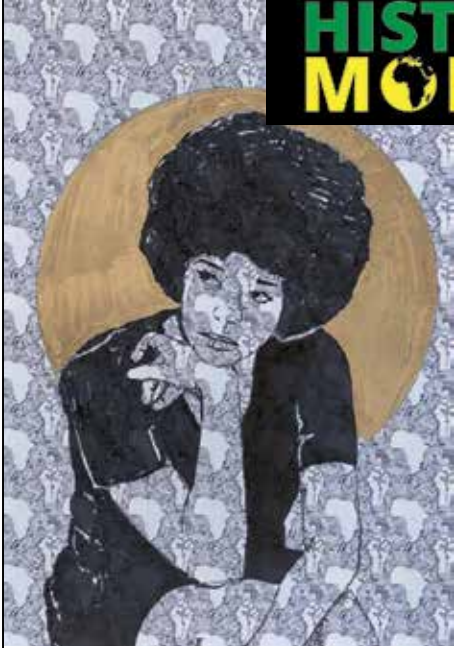
ticipated in multiple rallies and forums, urging lawmakers to make changes to aid public schools in the Gateway Cities.

Despite the recent accomplishment, Demakis made it clear that the journey is far from over. Earning additional funding for higher education and properly spending the upcoming allocations will both be made top priorities, she said.

“The next step is to make sure that the money is spent in a way that really benefits the kids and the educators. The CEA members have done a lot of work and will continue to be a voice to [express] what we feel, as people in the classrooms, benefits are kids,” said Demakis.

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Kiayani Douglas has spent the last three years developing an interdisciplinary body of work called Black Identity Enthusiast. B.I.E. is a body of work geared towards curating conversations rooted in race history and privilege. She creates workshops where students of all disciplines can learn about American Black History, while making connections to Math, Science, History and literature. A series of student workshops and art faculty will be held throughout the month.

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Above: Massachusetts Teachers Association Vice President Max Page speaks during a gathering at Chicopee High School on Jan. 30 as Mayor John Vieau and his Chief of Staff Michael Pise listen on.



Right: Chicopee Comp senior Ava Baron (left) poses with Mayor John Vieau. Baron spoke during a Jan. 30 event celebrating the passage of the state's Student Opportunity Act.

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FACES AND PLACES

Students earn degrees from WNEU

SPRINGFIELD – Two Chicopee students graduated from Western New England University in August and October 2019. Nickolas Manno earned a Master of Business Administration degree Oct. 15. Mary Meunier earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology Aug. 15.

Sara Opramolla earns Dean's List honors

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. – The University of Hartford announced Sara Opramolla of Chicopee has been named to its Dean's List for fall 2019.

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# Sports

MIAA

## Western, Central Mass. stand to lose its sectional tournaments

*Editor's note: This is the second of a four-part series to break down the statewide tournament proposal, what it is, it's effect on the Western Mass. region, the challenges, and how your athletic directors and coaches feel about it.*

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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REGION – With the impending vote on a statewide tour-

nament sponsored by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association, one of the biggest things being talked about in our region are the long-term effects it will have.

Agawam High School Athletic Director David Stratton has repeatedly said during the past few months that “Western Mass. loves its tournament.”

Under the MIAA proposal, that would be the biggest impact on the region. There would

no longer be a “Western Mass. Champion.”

The vote to pass the statewide tournament is likely to be successful, many athletic directors feel. This has led the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference, which is the governing body of high school sports locally, to consider holding its own tournament prior to whenever the state tournament is held.

Stratton said the PVIAC is

working on a proposal to hold some type of tournament. He did not say how it would be structured and how the competition would be separated. However, in order to have time for the tournament, it could cut into the regular season for certain sports. For example, the soccer season, now 18 games, could be lowered to 16 games to make time for a tournament.

One of the many reasons besides the love for the region-

al tournament, is because of the risk of so many Western Mass. teams having to travel long distances for the state tournament.

The current proposal of a 32-team tournament by the MIAA states the higher seed would host games in the first three rounds with the semifinals and finals at neutral sites.

While it is the impression skeptics that Eastern Mass.

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COMP HOCKEY



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Mason Whitehead digs the puck out of the corner.

## Colts struggles continue in loss to Lions



Carson Langlois tries to get away from the boards.



Right: Dylan Seymour tries to separate from the pack.



Victor Canavan puts the glove out to attempt a save.

CHICOPEE HOCKEY

## Tigers trounce Pacers in key league matchup

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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HOLYOKE – In just a short period of time, the complexion of a big Fay Division matchup between Chicopee and South Hadley changed completely.

In a flurry, South Hadley scored three goals in less than a minute at the end of the first period, and rode that momentum to a 7-1 win over Chicopee last Saturday afternoon at Fitzpatrick Rink in Holyoke.

The rivalry has been fierce between the two league op-

ponents in the past few years. Both programs have been pretty strong, and both teams have met frequently in the regular season and playoffs during the time period.

The teams entered the second period tied 1-1 when Joe Cigal gave South Hadley the lead. Cigal scored on a transition play as South Hadley cleared the puck up the ice. Cigal took a pass and went in and scored the go-ahead goal for Tigers.

Later in the period, both



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Left: Ethan Kapinos sizes up a shot. Right: Trevor Poirer shoots. He had Chicopee's only goal against South Hadley.

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The week ahead  
Chicopee High School

<b>Boys Basketball</b>		
Thursday, Feb. 6	Away	Sci-Tech 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 8	Home	Chicopee Comp 1 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 10	Away	Commerce 7 p.m.
<b>Girls Basketball</b>		
Friday, Feb. 7	Away	East Longmeadow 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 11	Home	Minnechaug 7 p.m.
<b>Ice Hockey</b>		
Thursday, Feb. 6	Home	Chicopee Comp 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 12	Home	Amherst 6:30 p.m.
<b>Indoor Track</b>		
Friday, Feb. 7	Away	PVIAC Meet 6 p.m.

Chicopee Comprehensive  
High School

<b>Boys Basketball</b>		
Saturday, Feb. 8	Away	Chicopee 1 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 10	Away	Minnechaug 7 p.m.
<b>Girls Basketball</b>		
Friday, Feb. 7	Away	Minnechaug 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 11	Home	Westfield 7 p.m.
<b>Ice Hockey</b>		
Thursday, Feb. 6	Away	Chicopee 7:30 p.m.
<b>Indoor Track</b>		
Friday, Feb. 7	Away	PVIAC Meet 6 p.m.

Rivals clash at MassMutual



PHOTO BY KARA WALSH

The Chicopee and Chicopee Comp hockey teams fought it out at MassMutual Center on Jan. 24. The teams have had games at the venue annually, and this year, they battled to a 3-3 tie. Trevor Poirer scored twice for Chicopee while Dylan Seymour had all three goals for Comp.

MIAA holds diversity summit at Framingham State University

FRAMINGHAM – The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) and the Massachusetts School Administrators’ Association (MSAA) held its third annual Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Summit at Framingham State University on Monday, Jan. 13. With over 220 attendees representing 65 schools, the 2020 Summit featured eight concurrent workshops covering subjects including: impact of race on daily life, para-sports, inclusive strategies, Unified Champion schools, working to undo bias and end hate, creating safe and supportive schools, making authentic connections, and cultural competency and mental health disparities. Mike Rubin, MIAA Assistant Associate said, “Two goals that we estab-

lished at the start of this inclusion mission were to promote diversity and encourage participation, interaction and understanding in our increasingly diverse society.” Summit presenters included members of the MIAA/MSAA DEI Committee, which consists of school administrators, supporting agencies, and representatives from higher education institutions, as well as individuals from the MIAA Partners in Prevention, a powerful collaborative of public and private prevention agencies initiatives. The Committee and the Collaborative provide extensive support, resources and expertise in the delivery of insight and programmatic initiatives leading to cultural competencies to the membership. At the completion of the

workshops, attendees created school action plans, “To Know is to Understand -- Plan For Action” focusing on workshop take-aways such as, “become aware of our own privileges and understand the many ‘-isms’ that exist,” “accept yourself before accepting others,” and “have the discussions that matter, even if they make you uncomfortable.” Rubin, MIAA stated, “The recent DEI Summit was an exemplary blueprint for what the Committee is trying to accomplish.” The Summit provided two keynote speakers, Muji Karim, a Paralympic Track and Field Athlete, and Briana Mastel, a member of Boston Pride of the National Women’s Hockey League. Mr. Karim’s message to “see the silver lining” when

dealing with obstacles and Ms. Mastel’s encouragement to be a “strong link” and “to help others” are in alignment with the MIAA Wellness Pillar and inclusion message. In addition, Javier Cevallos, President of Framingham State University, and Yvonne Spicer, Mayor of Framingham, addressed the attendees with a warm welcome to the City of Framingham. Rubin stated, “The two keynote speakers and eight amazing presenters shared information, celebrated differences, and engaged attendees to think critically about the totality of Inclusion!” Summit attendees included Student Leaders, Group Leaders, Coaches, Teachers, Team Captains, Counselors and Administrators.

Thunderbirds grab win on back of rookie goalie

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Ice-O-Topes (Thunderbirds) improved to 26-20-2-0 thanks to a 28-save shut-out performance from rookie goaltender Ryan Bednard in a 2-0 victory over the Hartford Wolf Pack (26-11-4-5) on Saturday night before a sellout crowd of 6,793 on What If? Night at the MassMutual Center. It took the Ice-O-Topes less than four minutes to get the sellout crowd to its feet. After a man advantage resulted in no chances for Springfield, Jonathan Ang took matters into his own hands, receiving a stretch pass on the left wing from Matt Mangene. The second-year pro quickly slammed on the brakes, forcing a Hartford defender to stumble. With extra ice room available, Ang rushed the front of the net before punching a fore-hand shot through Wolf Pack goalie Tom McCollum to open the scoring, 1-0, at 3:54. The Wolf Pack would fire 11 shots in response in the opening period, but rookie netminder Ryan Bednard was on his game early, stopping each of the shots that came his way in the first frame. McCollum stopped eight out of nine Springfield shots on net. The stalemate continued in the sec-

ond, but not without a few chances for the Wolf Pack to tie it. Hartford could not take advantage on a second power play past the midpoint of the period, and moments later, after a broken stick slapper by Vincent LoVerde arrived on the doorstep, Matt Beleskey missed a seemingly open net with Bednard battling to get back in front of the shot. Wanting to add some insurance in the third, Dryden Hunt deflected a shot over the shoulder of McCollum at the 4:00 mark of the final period to make it a 2-0 game. Mangene picked up his second assist of the night, as his shot got to the front of the net for Hunt’s backhand tip. From there, Bednard stole the show, including one phenomenal sliding save from post-to-post on Vinni Lettieri near the midpoint of the third. Springfield clamped down and ushered home their second shutout win of the season and the first in Bednard’s AHL career. The rookie goalie is now 3-0-0 with Springfield, having stopped 98 of 101 shots. The T-Birds embark on a five-game road trip, beginning with a Wednesday rematch in Hartford, the team’s third straight matchup against the Wolf Pack on the schedule.

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teams had power play opportunities, but neither team was able to convert. With 1:44 remaining, a faceoff in the offensive end led to the third South Hadley goal as Matthew Brunelle was able to score off the faceoff to make it 3-1. Six seconds later, the Tigers were able to score again. The faceoff at center ice went the Tigers way, and Mike Mazza went to the goal and scored to make it 4-1. And then seven second after that, a similar sequence on the next faceoff led to a goal by Cole Hambley, and the in just a matter of seconds, the game was out of hands for the Tigers. South Hadley would tack on two more goals in the third period for good measure, and the Pacers were sent home with a loss. For South Hadley, their depth really showed in this win as the seven goals came from seven different players. The-nis Tsilibocos scored, as did Joe Meon, and Aiden Sullivan. Another great highlight of the game was a save made by Anthony Cigal, the Tigers’ goalie. Chicopee had a breakaway mid-way through the second period, and rather than wait for it, Cigal excited the



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Neftali Romero gets the wrist shot on goal. goal and dove to intercept the shot. The sequence resembled more of what a soccer goal would try to do. It was risky, but it worked and Chicopee was denied a goal. The Pacers got one goal from Trevor Poirer in the first period. Chicopee is still in good shape at 8-4-1 for the season.

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Amanda Santerre, of Chicopee, participates in the “Psychology of Love” class at STCC, taught by professor Eric Brown.

## Chicopee student intrigued by Psychology of Love class

SPRINGFIELD – On the first day of class, Professor Eric Brown asks students to finish the sentence, “Love is...”

“It’s amazing what they write,” Brown said. “You get ‘love is hurtful,’ ‘love is painful.’ You can see the hurt already coming out. At the end of the semester we look to see if their perspective has changed.”

Amanda Santerre, a nursing student at Springfield Community College from Chicopee, said she wanted to take an honors course and was fascinated by the description of Brown’s class, called The Psychology of Love.

“Growing up in a broken home, I wanted to get an idea of why people love the way they do,” she said, on the first day of class. “I was intrigued that I was going to learn about love.”

What did she write when asked to finish the sentence, “Love is...”?

“I wrote that love is special, and that love is kind,” she said. “Love is what keeps our world moving. Love is around us everywhere. Love can be cruel, and love can be tricky.”

The Psychology of Love at STCC explores the mysterious and powerful emotion in detail. The course takes a scholarly yet humanistic approach to studying how love shapes elements of psychology, sociology and anthropology. While there are a handful of love-themed psychology classes at four-year colleges and universities in the United States, Brown said STCC may be the only community college that offers such a course.

A mixture of self-help and academic study, the class examines love from biblical times to the present. Students learn how the brain processes love and its effect on glands.

Brown asks students to read the book “Love” by the late Leo Buscaglia, a professor, author and motivational speaker who has inspired Brown for decades. Brown’s goal is to see students transform, grow and develop throughout the semester.

For more information or to apply to STCC, visit [stcc.edu/apply](http://stcc.edu/apply) or call Admissions at 755-3333.

## ‘Sweetheart Dance’ to benefit Harmony House Feb. 15

The Knights of Columbus Council 4044, Harmony House and the Pioneer Valley Harley Owners Group announced a “Sweetheart Dinner and Dance” to take place next month.

The event will take place Saturday, Feb. 15 at the Castle of Knights, 1599 Memorial Drive.

A cocktail hour kicks-off the evening at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. then dancing and fun festivities. While the function is casual dress, guests may wear Valentine’s Day attire.

All proceeds from the evening will support Harmony House of Western Massachusetts, a home for the terminally ill, along with the annual Thanksgiving Dinner provided by the Knights of Columbus to Chicopee residents.

Tickets are available at a cost of \$40. For tickets or more information, call Steve Dubreuil of the K of C at 413-250-1677, Libby Martel of Pioneer Valley HOG at 413-530-1389, or Amy Corcoran of Harmony House at 954-495-3236.

## Salons sought for ‘Cut-A-Thon’ fundraiserw April 4

SPRINGFIELD – Hair salon owners and their teams interested in helping to make a difference in the fight against bullying are needed as part of the “Cut-A-Thon” to benefit Unify Against Bullying Saturday, April 4.

Unify is looking for local and regional salons to participate in a one-day Cut-A-Thon to benefit Unify Against Bullying. The salons will donate proceeds from haircuts, blowouts, and styling to the anti-bullying organization. Some salons will

offer temporary pink hair color - the signature color of Unify Against Bullying. In addition, each salon will add its own fun activities and promotions for the event.

“It’s a fun day for a great cause, and everyone leaves the salon feeling and looking fabulous, each in their own unique way. We love how each salon is embracing Unify Against Bullying and being creative in their vision for the Cut-A-Thon,” said Unify executive director Christine Maiwald.

## Neal, House chairs, release framework for infrastructure investment

WASHINGTON – The chairmen of three U.S. House committees released the framework for a five-year, \$760 billion investment in the nation’s infrastructure, addressing some of the most urgent needs including safer streets, maintenance and a path toward zero emissions.

The framework, put together by Ways and Means Committee Chairman Richard Neal, D-Massachusetts, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Peter DeFazio, D-Oregon, and Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Frank Pallone, D-New Jersey, seeks to bolster the federal government’s role in helping communities nationwide undertake transformative projects

“Due to decades of underfunding and neglect, America’s infrastructure system

is falling apart and we’re falling behind our competitors,” Neal said in a Jan. 29 press release announcing the framework. “The deficiencies of our roads, bridges, transit, water systems, broadband and electrical grids hold our nation’s economy back. When we invest in infrastructure, it results in a significant economic multiplier – with each dollar spent, our nation becomes more competitive and prosperous.”

Under their plan, the framework would enable the completion of critical projects through long-term, sustainable funding; provide safe, clean, and affordable water and wastewater services; expand broadband internet access into unserved and underserved communities; modernize 911 networks, among other priorities.

## Women’s Running Club offering annual clinic at Forest Park

SPRINGFIELD – The Pioneer Valley Women’s Running Club announced its annual nine-week walk-to-run clinic will step off Monday, March 23 from 6 to 7 p.m. at Forest Park in Springfield.

Those interested in the clinic are invited to an information session at 6 p.m. Monday, March 9 in the Business Technology Center of Longmeadow High School, 95 Grassy Gutter Road in Longmeadow.

“The spring clinic is one way we help women learn about running and meet other people who want to be active,” PVWRC President Nicole Collins said. “Many participants have never run before, but after nine weeks, most are ready to run their first 5K.”

Collins said participants will progress from brisk walking to a combination

of walking and running, and then running for 30 minutes. The clinic tends to be popular sporadic runners looking for consistent training partners, she added.

Clinic mentors and trainer Kristin Su will be on hand at the session to explain the program, answer questions and take registration.

Clinic cost is \$75 and includes a one-year membership to the PVWRC, a nonprofit organization affiliated with the Road Runners Club of America. The club supports women walkers and runners by serving as a race resource for information, training partners and topics of interest to members. Clinic proceeds support scholarships to high school seniors.

For more information or to register, email [pvwrc1@gmail.com](mailto:pvwrc1@gmail.com).

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would host most of the games, some projections of how seedings would take shape were tried with the most recent soccer tournaments. According to those projects, teams like Belchertown boys soccer, Ludlow boys soccer, and Minnechaug girls soccer, would all have very high seeds and host a number of games in the tournament.

However, it is still unclear if Western Mass. would get an opportunity to host state semifinal and final games. Hosting the state finals was attempted for basket-

ball, and failed due to gate receipts.

Some of the questions that are still lingering state wide are the increased travel costs for smaller schools. No matter what part of the state a school is in, with tighter school budgets, having to pay bus drivers to transport teams on two to four hour trips could be problematic for schools with smaller budgets and less flexibility on spending. It could lead to larger athletic user fees for student-athletes.

The lingering effects could be seen as the years go on, but only time will tell if a statewide tournament has long-term negative effects on Western Massachusetts.

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50 State Street  
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(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD20P0123EA  
Estate of:  
Richard A Chouinard  
Also known as:**

## Richard Chouinard Date of Death: 09/21/2019 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Keith J Walas** of Granby MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Keith J Walas** of Granby MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **02/19/2020**.

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## UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 22, 2020  
**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
2/06/2020

**Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
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Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No.  
HD20C0022CA  
In the matter of:  
Artur Kulis  
CITATION ON PETITION**

## TO CHANGE NAME A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Artur Kulis of Chicopee, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Artie Strong**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 28, 2020  
**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
2/06/2020

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Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
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Docket No. HD20P0156EA  
Estate of:**

## Jeronimas Mikulskis Date of Death: November 24, 2019 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

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2/06/2020

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The Trial Court  
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Family Court  
50 State Street**

**Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD20P0174EA  
Estate of: Helene B Tadeo  
Date of Death: 12/23/2019  
CITATION ON  
PETITION FOR  
FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Timothy T Tadeo** of Chicopee MA and **Glenn D Tadeo** of Chicopee MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Timothy T Tadeo** of Chicopee MA and **Glenn D Tadeo** of Chicopee MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 29, 2020  
**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
2/06/2020

## DEATH NOTICE

**Picard, Barbara A. (Dupont)**  
Died Jan. 27, 2020  
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## Barbara Ann Picard (1936-2020)

Barbara Ann (Dupont) Picard, 83, passed away on Jan. 27, 2020 at the Chicopee Rehab Skilled Nursing Home, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on Sept. 12, 1936 in Chicopee, a daughter of the late Herbert and Lillian (Gosselin) Dupont. Barbara worked for 15 years at Facemate in Chicopee before she retired.



She is survived by three sons, Gary Picard and his wife Kathy of Ludlow, Glenn Picard of Florida, and Brian Picard and his wife Lynn of Anderson, South Carolina; one daughter, Lynn Hedayati and her husband Sid of California; a sister Jean McCarthy of Chicopee; nine grandchildren, Justin, Nicholas, Michael, Brianna, Joseph, Alexander, Daniel, Heather and Shelby; one great-granddaughter, Justine, along with many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her siblings Ronald, Edgar and Joan.

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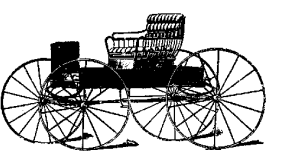
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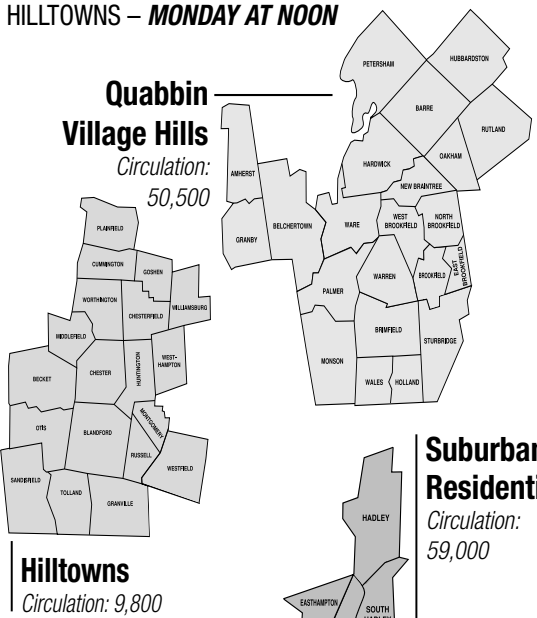
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Jocelyn Douglas and Angela DiAugustino of Phillips Insurance present a \$600 check to Qualina Lewis of Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry.

# Phillips Insurance supports Lorraine's Soup Kitchen

Staff at Phillips Insurance Agency Inc. donated \$600 to Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry in Chicopee. The funds were collected from the Friday Dress Down fund they organized. For more than 30 years, Lorraine's has served the Chicopee community con-

necting with donors and supporters, offer assistance to friends and neighbors, and leading the fight against food insecurity. Jocelyn Douglas and Angela DiAugustino, of Phillips Insurance, presented the check to Qualina Lewis from Lorraine's Kitchen.

# OSAI brand becomes an independent company

Prima Electro S.p.A., current owner of the OSAI brand, announced transfer of ownership to OSAIenc s.r.l., a fully independent company in charge of product development, sales, technical support and service of OSAI CNC control solutions. As part of this newly formed company, the U.S. operating division of OSAI USA, has now changed its name to OSAIenc North America. It will continue operation at its present location based in Chicopee. Steve Phillips, director of OSAIenc North America, made the announcement to North American customers, dealers, suppliers and the machine tool industry.

"We are extremely excited to get back to our original OSAI foundation started back in 1957. Now OSAI can focus solely on product development and customer support for CNC Controls, Interfaces and Peripherals," said Phillips. The OSAI brand has a long-term commitment in the machine tool industry with over 63 years on business and over 60,000 loyal customers and CNC installations world-wide. Customers can expect to continue working with existing OSAI contacts. New product development is underway with exciting new products being finalized and ready for introduction in 2020.

# The Good Dog Spot donates funds and supplies to local shelters

The Good Dog Spot, with locations in Chicopee and Northampton, recently raised funds and supplies to two local animal shelters. The donations were a result of the donations of staff and clients during the month of December as part of a "Giving Tree" at both locations. As a result of the funds and supplies donated through the initiative, the Good Dog Spot was able to deliver donations to the Thomas J. O'Connor Adoption Center

in Springfield and Rainbow Rescues, of Westhampton. "Non of this would be possible without all the hard work of our Chicopee facility manager, Shannon, who organizes all the event details, ensures that the facility is ready for our events and then coordinates the donation drop off," said owner Elizabeth Staples. "We are so happy to be able to use our business to give back to the community each year."

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